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Animal Alliance of Canada
Attn: Kira Berkeley, JD
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Dear Ms. Berkeley,

Thank you for your email and for sharing your client's request regarding animal research at York University.

We recognize that animal research is a subject on which people hold strongly differing views, and we appreciate the time you have taken to express your perspective.

As you may be aware, the concerns that have been raised regarding York's animal research program have now been the subject of an independent review by the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC), Canada's national body responsible for overseeing and assessing animal-based science. Following its assessment, the CCAC concluded that it did not find deviations from its policies and guidelines in the ethical use of animals in science at York University. We take seriously the responsibly that comes with animals in our care and we want to express our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.

Given the completion of this independent review and the University's confidence in the rigorous oversight that governs animal research at York, we do not believe that a meeting with senior University leadership would be productive at this time.

The University remains committed to conducting world-class research while upholding the highest standards of animal welfare and ethics

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Amir Asif'.

Amir Asif
Vice President Research & Innovation

